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### **Statement of Bruce McPherson on Cap-and-Trade Agreement**

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Chair Bruce McPherson issued the following statement today on a \$900 million cap-and-trade revenue spending agreement between Gov. Jerry Brown and leaders in the California State Legislature, which includes \$5 million to expand California's black carbon wood smoke programs.

"I'd like to thank Gov. Brown and our legislative leaders for reaching an agreement to protect our State and its residents from the impacts climate change. This agreement represents an investment in our future, including in disadvantaged neighborhoods where the funding is most needed. The wood smoke program in particular will help residents of Santa Cruz County with improved air quality during winter months, and represents a substantial additional investment in a program with proven effectiveness."

The black carbon wood smoke program helps improve air quality in the San Lorenzo Valley by subsidizing the replacement of residential wood stoves with cleaner-burning alternatives. For additional information about the San Lorenzo Valley Wood Stove Change-Out Program, see: <http://mbard.org/programs-resources/planning/grants-incentives/wood-stovefireplace-grants>.